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SUBJECT: SIXTH SEMIANNUAL CSCE IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

REFS: (A) USNATO 4362, (B) STATE 115677

1. AT SPECIAL MEETING OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE MAY 11,
SEVERAL TEXTUAL CHANGES WERE MADE TO DRAFT CSCE IMPLEMEN-
TATION REPORT, AND ALL US SUGGESTIONS (REF B) WERE
INCLUDED.

2. A NOTABLE SIDELIGHT AT MAY 11 SESSION WAS AN OBSCURE
ARGUMENT BY FRENCH REP THAT LANGUAGE IN THE REPORT ON
SOVIET NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS SEEMED TO IMPLY THAT
IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO NOTIFY MANEUVERS BELOW THE
25,000 TROOP LEVEL. FRENCH REP'S REMARKS EVIDENCED CONTINUED
CONSERVATIVE FRENCH APPROACH TO NOTIFICATION OF SMALLER
SCALE MANEUVERS, WHICH FRENCH REP STRESSED WAS "VOLUNTARY"
AS OPPOSED TO MORE BINDING OBLIGATION TO NOTIFY MAJOR
MANEUVERS. TO MEET THE FRENCH PROBLEM, POLADS FOUND A
SATISFACTORY ALTERNATIVE FORMULATION THAT DID NOT ALTER
THE SUBSTANCE OF THE REPORT.

3. POLADS WILL REVIEW FINAL DRAFT REPORT, INCLUDING
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BASKET II SECTION FURNISHED BY ECONADS, AT THEIR MAY 17
MEETING. REPORT WILL THEN BE FORWARDED FOR NAC APPROVAL,
PROBABLY BY SILENCE PROCEDURE.

4. CHANGES TO REPORT HAVE NOT BEEN SUBSTANTIVE, AND WE
WILL NOT NEED FURTHER GUIDANCE UNLESS IMPORTANT CHANGES
ARE REQUESTED AT MAY 17 POLADS MEETING. BENNETT

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